

State of Connecticut
Department of Correction
Program Development

Alphabetical Listing of Programs for NEW HAVEN CC

Addiction Services Tier 1 Substance Abuse Education Program

Description

The Tier 1 program consists of six (6) substance abuse education group sessions, including a minimum of one fellowship meeting. This program is designed to present basic substance abuse information, confront denial, and encourage further treatment involvement.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Description

ABE is the primary program of instruction designed to provide training in basic academic skills in the areas of reading, mathematics, language arts, general science and social studies. The program is directed toward increasing proficiency to the eighth grade level.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Alcoholics Anonymous

Description

This is a 12-Step Fellowship self-help group for men and women who provide mutual support in obtaining and maintaining sobriety while also helping others to recover from alcoholism. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Big Book, Step Meetings, Speaker, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. Addiction Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Beyond Fear

Description

This is an AIDS education program utilizing a curriculum, printed materials, and an educational video developed by the Department of Public Health. The program is delivered by a contracted outside agency, and funded through the Department of Public Health.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Contracted Program, Health Services

Types:

Health Education

Bridging the Gap

Description

Alcoholics Anonymous is one of the most important self-help resources for alcoholic men and women. A very important first step for inmates being released into the community is attending the first meeting as soon as possible following release. Addiction Services staff in the institution utilize a toll-free telephone number to get information about the nearest AA meeting location, along with the name of a contact person. An AA member then will contact the inmate upon release and even provide transportation to a meeting.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction, Transition

Catholic Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Catholic Mass

Description

This is the weekly Catholic worship service.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Choir

Description

Both Catholic and Protestant inmates are able to join choirs in their respective religious service. These choirs both enhance the religious liturgies and add a level of veneration to those services.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Connecticut Works

Description

This is a statewide program with 18 offices in Connecticut. CT WORKS is a partnership among the Connecticut Department of Labor, regional Workforce Development Boards, and a number of state and community organizations. Its mission is to enhance the economic development by addressing the special employment and training needs of both job seekers and employers. This program is offered to inmates that are Veterans in need of job services.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Transition

CONNTAC-EOC (CT Talent Assistance Cooperative-Education

Opportunity Center)

Description

Representatives from CONNTAC-EOC are provided with names of students to meet with while the student is still incarcerated. The representatives assist students with their post-secondary plans and financial aid.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Dealing With Your Anger

Description

This program is designed to help inmates learn to manage their anger without becoming assaultive. It is designed to help them learn concepts as well as learn skills.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Anger Management

Educational, Career Resources and Job Fairs

Description

These types of Fairs are conducted in the form of a professional conference for students. The educational staff invite a keynote speaker and students proceed to attend individual workshops on a variety of topics. The goal of these Fairs is to assist inmates with their transition plans before they return to the community.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services, USD#1

Types:

Academic Education, Transition

Family Education & Parenting

Description

This program is designed to help inmates with children become responsible parents. Inmates have classes in parenting skills and in some cases read children's books into audio or video-cassettes to send home to their children. Components of the parenting skills classes include parenting from a distance, discipline techniques, and communicating with children.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Facility Staff, USD#1

Types:

Family

General Educational Development (GED)

Description

The GED is the primary program of instruction for students functioning above an eighth grade level who wish to earn a State of Connecticut high school diploma through the examination process. GED Tutors and volunteers assist Department teachers by helping inmates prepare for the GED Exam and/or by helping to teach basic language skills.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Grammar, Diction and Inspiration

Description

This weekly class is geared to youthful offenders to encourage standard English and personal development. Students discuss the rules of grammar, speech patterns and positive personal development issues.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Self Improvement

HIV Counseling, Testing & Risk Reduction Education

Description

When inmates are tested for HIV, the department provides standardized counseling by Department of Public Health certified counselors before and after testing. Counseling components include what HIV and AIDS are, how to get it, how to avoid getting it, what it means to be HIV positive, how to take care of oneself if one is HIV positive, and help in dealing with the associated feelings.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

HIV Support Group-New Haven-CC

Description

This program is for HIV inmates. They meet weekly with SA/HIV and Mental Health Counselors.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

HIV Support Services

Description

The Department demonstrates a collaborative approach in providing HIV support services to inmates in all facilities. A UCONN (Contracted) Health Services Team coordinates testing and counseling services; the Department's School District conducts classroom instruction about HIV; the Department's Addiction Services Unit Counselors provide HIV education and prevention counseling; a number of volunteers serve as "buddies" or sponsors; and Hartford's Community Partners in Action (CPA) receives funding from foundations, grants as well as support from the state's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to operate the "Beyond Fear" Program. Altogether the Department hosts a complete program that includes counseling, testing, education focus groups, videos, intervention strategies and is able to assist discharging inmates with need for such services as housing, medical treatment, food, clothing and transportation.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

Inmate Photo Program

Description

Inmates register each month to take either 35 mm or Polaroid photos for a small fee and these photos are sent home or otherwise kept for personal use. Proceeds that are generated are held in a Special Activity Fund. From this fund, thousands of dollars have been donated to local charitable organizations each year, e.g. women's shelters, children's hospitals, youth organizations, and youth at risk programs.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Community Service

Islamic (Quran) Study

Description

Quran readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Islamic principles.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Jehovah's Witness Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Jehovah's Witness principles.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Jumah

Description

Jumah is the weekly Muslim worship service.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Literacy Volunteers of America

Description

An active group of community volunteers, as well as inmate volunteers, contribute hundreds of hours to combat illiteracy for inmates in all of the facilities. Basic reading, vocabulary and comprehension skills are stressed.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1, Volunteer Services

Types:

Academic Education

Narcotics Anonymous

Description

Narcotics Anonymous is a twelve-step fellowship of addicts helping addicts to recover from the disease of addiction. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Step Meetings, Speaker, Speaker/Discussion, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. The meetings are usually conducted by outside volunteers who share their story of addiction and recovery. Addiction Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Protestant Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Protestant Bible Study (Spanish)

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with Spanish inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Protestant Service

Description

This is the weekly Protestant worship service.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Protestant Service (Spanish)

Description

This is the weekly Protestant worship service conducted in Spanish.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Special Education and Pupil Services

Description

The special education teachers, pupil services specialists (School Psychologists, School Counselors, School Social Workers), and the associated clerical and durational staff provide services to students with handicapping conditions which interfere with their ability to participate in school. These services are mandated by federal (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997) and state (Connecticut General Statutes 10-76) statute. Special education services encompass a broad array of activities including assessment, counseling, transition planning, and both the direct and indirect (e.g. consultation) services of the special education teachers and pupil services staff. Student programs are designed according to the individual needs of each student with disabilities and are specified in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP.)

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Sponsorship Behind the Walls

Description

This program is designed for inmates participating in a 12-step recovery program. It enables participants to write to an outside sponsor in order to work the 12 steps of recovery.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Description

TESOL is an instructional program for students whose primary language is not English. TESOL instruction helps students to speak, read and write English or assists them in developing the language skills necessary for overall academic and vocational progress.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Thresholds

Description

This is a community-based therapeutic counseling system specifically designed for delivery by trained volunteers. It focuses on developing decision-making and problems-solving skills.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Volunteer Group

Types:

Self Improvement

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC)

Description

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC) is a program of Community Partners in Action which provides discharge planning for inmates with HIV/AIDS. TLC serves every prison and jail in the state, and works with clients returning to every region of the state. TLC case managers meet clients' emergency needs upon release, and connect them with services in their local communities for continuing care and assistance.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Transition

Victim-Offender Dialogue

Description

For a variety of reasons, it is sometimes helpful for victims to meet with offenders. The department's Victim Services Unit evaluates and when appropriate facilitates this dialogue. The process is designed to achieve the objectives of restorative justice, healing the victim, and confronting and holding the offender accountable. Although this process can often be very helpful to the inmate, all such dialogues are initiated at the request of victims.

Facility:

New Haven CC

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Victim Services

Types:

Domestic Violence, Victim